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REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. A version of all pending claims is found at pages 3-7. Claims 1-3 and 18 have been amended to more clearly claim the invention. Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments herein.

I. Objection to the Specification

The specification stands objected to for minor informalities. The herein amendments to the specification are believed to cure such informalities, and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-11 Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The amendments to claims 1 and 3 are believed to cure any indefiniteness of the subject claims. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

III. Rejection of Claims 1-20 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-3, 8-15, 20-23, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Hanco *et al.* (U.S. 6,512,467). It is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn for at least the following reason. Hanco *et al.* fails to teach or suggest **each and every limitation** set forth in the claimed invention.

A single prior art reference anticipates a patent claim only if it *expressly or inherently describes each and every limitation* set forth in the patent claim. *Trintec Industries, Inc. v. Top-U.S.A. Corp.*, 295 F.3d 1292, 63 USPQ2d 1597 (Fed. Cir. 2002); *See Verdegaa Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim. *Richardson v. Suzuki*

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Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1226, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989)
(emphasis added).

Applicants' invention as recited in the subject claims is directed to assignment of functions *to application buttons built into a personal digital assistant(PDA)* based upon an external device being engaged/disengaged to the PDA. *Hanko et al.* does not teach or suggest such aspects of applicants' claimed invention. Rather, the cited reference discloses a method for translating codes related to *buttons built into an external human interface device, such as a keyboard*, to functions on the server to which it is connected. The reference does not teach or anticipate configuration of *application buttons built into the server* based upon a code provided by the human interface device as in applicants' claimed invention. Accordingly, it is readily apparent that *Hanko et al.* does not anticipate the subject invention as recited in independent claims 1, 12, and 22 (and claims 2, 3, 8-11, 13-15, 21, 23, and 28 which respectively depend there from), and this rejection should be withdrawn.

IV. Rejection of Claims 4-6, 16-18, and 24-26 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 4-6, 16-18, and 24-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hanko et al.* in view of *Thompson* (US 6,065,880). It is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn for at least the following reason. Claims 4-6, 16-18, 24-26 depend from independent claims 1, 12 and 22 respectively, and *Thompson* does not rectify the aforementioned deficiencies presented by *Hanko et al.* with respect to independent claims 1, 12 and 22, as discussed above. *Thompson et al.* describes an adapter with bar code scanning capability, where the control buttons can be built into the adapter or integrated into the PDA unit. *Thompson et al.* describes control buttons with a fixed function for controlling the bar code scanner. Applicants' invention as recited in the subject claims is directed to *assignment of functions to application buttons built into a personal digital assistant(PDA)* based upon an external device being engaged/disengaged to the PDA. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claims 4-6, 16-18, and 24-26 is respectfully requested.

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V. Rejection of Claims 7, 19, and 27 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 7, 19, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanco *et al.* in view of Herrod *et al.* (US 2003/0181168). It is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn for at least the following reasons. Herrod *et al.* describes wireless communication between a portable terminal and a terminal mount/cradle. Herrod *et al.* does not describe an adapter that when attached to the portable terminal provides wireless capabilities to the portable terminal, as described in applicant's invention. Also, claims 7, 19, and 27 depend from independent claims 1, 12 and 22 respectively, and Herrod *et al.* does not make up for the aforementioned deficiencies of Hanco *et al.* with respect to these claims as discussed *supra*. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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IV. Conclusion

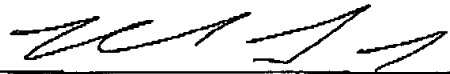
The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above amendments and comments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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